

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 16-27 stand currently pending. Claims 16-27 are herein canceled. Claims 28-29 are newly presented. Support may be found generally throughout the specification, figures and tables, and more specifically within pages 3-4, bottom of page 6-end of page 7, and pages 11-13, as well as Tables 1-2. No new matter has been added. The amendments are fully supported by the specification and the original claims.

Applicants expressly state that the claims, as amended, are intended to include and encompass the full scope of any equivalents as if the claims had been originally filed and not amended. Thus, Applicants hereby expressly rebut any presumption that Applicants have narrowed or surrendered any equivalents under the doctrine of equivalents by amending the claims, or by presenting any remarks in this paper, and in no way do Applicants disclaim any of the territory between the original claims and the amended claims with respect to any equivalent subject matter.

II. Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph – Written Description

Claims 16-20 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph for alleged lack of written description. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is obviated, as Claims 16-20 and 22-27 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and that Claims 28-29 be placed into condition for allowance.

III. Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph – Indefiniteness

Claims 16-20 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph for alleged indefiniteness. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is obviated, as

Claims 16-20 and 22-27 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and that Claims 28-29 be placed into condition for allowance.

IV. Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph

Claims 16-20 and 22-27 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph for alleged failure of setting forth the subject matter of the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is obviated, as Claims 16-20 and 22-27 have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and that Claims 28-29 be placed into condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any issues with respect to this application.

No further fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,

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